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SUBJECT: IRAQI CENSUS OFFICIAL

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1. DID USINT OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON HOW IRAQIS INTEND
PRECISELY TO CARRY OUT CENSUS IN THE U.S.? THIS COULD BE
EXTREMELY TOUCHY, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE WIDESPREAD
CRITICISM THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FOR ALLOWING AN IRAQI/
KURDISH DELEGATION TO VISIT THE U.S. TO TALK TO IRAQI KURDS
RESETTLED HERE. THIS OFFICE ALSO HAD A PREVIOUS EXCHANGE
WITH THE IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION, POINTING OUT THAT CERTAIN
STEPS BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE IRAQIS FOR CARRYING OUT
THEIR CENSUS PROBABLY WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE.
 2. WE WILL WANT TO CONSULT CAREFULLY WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES
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- HERE ABOUT THIS CENSUS TAKING, WHICH COULD LAY US OPEN TO
CHARGES THAT THIS IS A PROGRAM TO HARASS OR INTIMIDATE
IRAQIS--INCLUDING IRAQI KURDS--WHO SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE U.S.
3. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSULTING EMBASSIES
OF COUNTRIES WHERE IRAQIS INTEND TO TAKE CENSUS. PLEASE
REPORT THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF IRAQI METHODS AND OBJECTIVES.

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